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Co-facilitators, Distinguished Delegates and colleagues,

Thank you for the opportunity to address the floor. First of all, we strongly welcome the interventions made by many Member States in the sessions this week concerning the need to further the integration and recognition of the interlinkages among the three dimensions of sustainable development throughout the Preamble and the Declaration. In particular, we agree with the Group of 77 and China, Brazil, and Iceland to better reflect this integration by recognizing that the planet's natural resources underpin human well-being and economic development. This should be included in para 28, which should also reference living within planetary boundaries.

While warning against the risk of reopening the discussions around targets, we recognise efforts for the improvement in the formulation of some of the revised targets.

We support the member states that called for the inclusion of the revised target 14c.

We would like to focus on some of the revised targets that are still not fully consistent with existing international agreements, especially those related to Goal 15 on ecosystems and biodiversity. We call upon Member States to ensure that the level of ambition of the Aichi targets be maintained. We are therefore asking member states, under target 15.1, 15.2, 15.5, to retain the 2020 deadline with increasing efforts through 2030.

Finally, any technical proofing of targets should be in line with human rights, gender equality, and environmental sustainability. We also call for alignment with the Rio+20 outcome document, The Future We Want, which in para 49, affirms the importance of the UNDRIP “in the context of global, regional, national, and subnational implementation of sustainable development strategies”, so that indigenous people’s rights to their lands, territories, and resources are fully recognized and protected.

We look forward to working with Member States and other partners towards the implementation of this new agenda for Sustainable Development. Thank you Mr. Co-facilitators. We will be submitting our full statement in writing.